THE HARRIMAN INSTITUTE
Announces a Symposium
in Honor of the Columbia University Residency of Václav Havel

The Examined Life: The Literature and Politics of Václav Havel

Saturday, 11 November
Room 1501, International Affairs Building
420 West 118th Street

Welcome and Opening Remarks by Catharine Nepomnyashchy: Director, Harriman Institute

Morning Session on Literature: 10:00-12:30

Moderator: Christopher Harwood, Lecturer in the Department of Slavic Languages, Columbia University.

Marketa Goetz-Stankiewicz: Professor Emerita in the Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies at the University of British Columbia, author of The Silenced Theatre: Czech Playwrights Without a Stage, and co-editor of Critical Essays on Václav Havel.
“Václav Havel's Theater: Plays for Our Times”

Paul Wilson: Freelance writer, editor (of Havel's Open Letters, among others), and translator of fiction by Josef Škvorecký, Bohumil Hrabal, and Ivan Klíma, as well as many of Havel's bellesletristic and dramatic works.
“Reading Havel: Remarks on a Life in Translation”

Peter Steiner: Professor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Pennsylvania, Director of the Penn-in-Prague Program, and author, most recently, of The Deserts of Bohemia: Czech Fiction and its Social Context.

Carol Rocamora: Professor of Dramatic Writing at NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts and author of the new biography Acts of Courage: Václav Havel’s Life in the Theater.
“Havel's Drama on the English-Speaking Stage”

Afternoon Session on Politics: 2:00-4:30

Moderator: Bradley Abrams, Associate Professor, History Department, Columbia University.

Ambassador Martin Palouš: Czech Ambassador to the United Nations, former Czech Ambassador to the United States and former spokesperson of Charter 77
“What Antipolitical Politics Is and What It Is Not”
**Jiří Pehe:** Director, NYU in Prague, former Director of the Political Department of Havel’s Presidential Office.  
“Václav Havel: From a Political Dissident to a Dissident Politician”

**Petr Pithart:** First Deputy Chairperson and former Chairperson of the Czech Senate, former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, and leading dissident in communist Czechoslovakia.  
“The Dissident and Intellectual in Politics: The Three Roles of Václav Havel”

**Reception:** 4:30-6:00

**Evening Program:**

Concert by **The Plastic People of the Universe**  
8:00 p.m., location TBA

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